

**CRAGG'S JEW 'JEST'
COSTS DRAFT JOB**Gov. Whitman Ousts Brooklyn
Official for Offensive
Remarks.**HAD REFUSED TO RESIGN**No Time to Excite Racial or
Religious Prejudices, Is
Executive's Decision.

Samuel H. Cragg, member of Local Draft Board 34, Brooklyn, was removed from office yesterday by Gov. Whitman, according to an announcement from the office of Brig.-Gen. Charles H. Sherrill. Cragg aroused criticism in his capacity as a public official when in the course of an address, on the occasion of the dedication of a service flag in honor of the boys of Public School 129, Brooklyn, he made remarks which reflected seriously upon the patriotism of Jewish youths.

Immediately after this meeting Cragg's remarks were called to the attention of the district board, and in turn reached Gov. Whitman. The Governor sent for Cragg, who admitted making the remarks, and at the request of Gov. Whitman he promised to resign. Later he reconsidered the matter, and when pressed for his resignation he refused to hand it in. Then followed the Governor's order.

Governor Explains Removal.
The statement issued by the Governor announcing Cragg's retirement from further participation in draft activities follows:

"To my regret I have been obliged to remove Samuel H. Cragg as a member of Local Board 34, Brooklyn.

"On the afternoon of December 20 Mr. Cragg was one of the speakers on the occasion of the presentation of a service flag in honor of the boys of Public School 129, Brooklyn, then in service. The exercises took place at the school house, which is in a district adjoining the division over which Mr. Cragg's exemption board presides. The audience was composed of friends and relatives of the boys in question, was largely Jewish, and included many Jewish people. The population of Mr. Cragg's own district is over 80 per cent. Jewish.

"After two patriotic speeches had been delivered Mr. Cragg rose and in the course of his remarks made the following statement:

"There are three epochs in the life of the Jewish boy: First, baptism; second, confirmation; third, at 21, exemption."

"Jest," Is Cragg's Defence.
"Mr. Cragg has admitted that he said this in substance, and there is no real dispute as to any of the important facts. His only defence was that the words were uttered in jest."

"As soon as I learned of the occurrence I sent for Mr. Cragg and he came to Albany to see me. After hearing his admissions I asked him to resign and he promised to do so. He has now refused to resign."

"The country is at war. This is no time to excite racial prejudices; no time for a public official to ridicule any race or religion in connection with its duties toward the Government. There is no excuse for what was said and no other course was open to me as Governor of the State except to cause the severance of Mr. Cragg's relations with the draft."

WOMEN THANK MITCHELL

League Sends Appreciative Letter to Former Mayor.

John Purroy Mitchell is not to be allowed to retire without the thanks of the women of the city. This is the declaration of the Women's Municipal League, which through its president, Mrs. Henry Bruere, has sent Mr. Mitchell a letter of appreciation for the services he has rendered the city of New York. Both as Mayor and as a leading public official for years preceding his assuming the position of chief executive, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Bruere points out, set a standard of public service which succeeding administrations will find it difficult to equal.

Mrs. Bruere's letter says:

"On behalf of the Women's Municipal League may I express to you our appreciation of the extraordinary services which you have rendered the city of New York. Both as Mayor and as a leading public official for years preceding your office as chief executive you set a standard of public service which succeeding administrations will find it difficult to equal."

"New York has taken the leadership among American cities for efficient and serviceable government and this achievement is largely due to your efforts and to the work of your commissioners."

**HENNESSY TO AID;
DOOLEY WILL HELP**Finley Peter Dunne Will Be
Booster for Thrift and
War Savings.**IS PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN**Editor of "Collier's" Gained
Fame by Story on War
With Spain.

Mr. Dooley and Mr. Hennessy, after a philosophical discussion, have decided to jump in and lend a hand in order that the war may be brought quickly to a successful close. They will do their bit with the National War Savings Committee through Finley Peter Dunne, who has volunteered his services as chairman of the publicity committee of the war savings committee of New York city. Mr. Dunne succeeds James E. MacBride, who volunteered their services for this work savings organization and resigned to assume his duties as president of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, to which he was appointed by Mayor Hylan.

Mr. Dunne, though now an editor of Collier's, is devoting much of his time to the work of the war savings committee. His connection with the war savings committee is especially appropriate, since his first book, "Mr. Dooley, in Peace and in War," was written in 1914, the time of the Spanish-American War.

Thousands of New Yorkers will be instructed in the aims and purposes of the war savings campaign by a corps of college instructors and students who have volunteered their services for this work to Frederick W. Allen, director of war savings for New York. In addition to this they will urge the establishment of authorized agencies for the sale of war savings stamps throughout the city.

Representatives of ten colleges in Greater New York met yesterday at the headquarters of the National War Savings Committee, 51 Chambers street, to discuss with Director Allen ways and means by which the facilities and student bodies could bring about closer cooperation with the Government in pushing the war savings loan.

The colleges represented were: Adelphi College, College of the City of New York, Columbia University, Cooper Union Institute, Fordham University, Hunter College, Manhattan College, New York University, Pratt Institute and Training School for Teachers.

One of the first steps of the representatives of these institutions, who are members of the Intercollegiate Liberty Loan Committee, was to change their name to Intercollegiate War Loans and Savings Committee, of which Prof. Eugene E. Agger, head of the economics department of Columbia University, is chairman.

Representatives of nearly 100 leading business organizations in the city have volunteered their services for promoting the success of the war savings campaign. Officers, sales managers and salesmen for these corporations pledged their aid to Director Allen at a meeting held at the headquarters of the National War Savings Committee yesterday and promised to devote several hours a day to getting the big commercial houses behind the war savings campaign and to push the sale of thrift and war savings stamps.

PAYMASTER ROBBED OF \$1,400.

Held Up by Four Men in Ravine Road, Jersey City.

Walter Schmidt, paymaster and president of the Oscar Schmidt Musical Instrument Manufacturing Company of 37 Perry street, Jersey City, was held up and robbed of \$1,400 in the Ravine road, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon. He had gone to a bank in Hoboken in company with an armed guard and drawn the money. The two men took a Jackson avenue car, alighted at the Ravine road station and started along the road.

Four robbers suddenly confronted them with revolvers. Two of them then took the cash, keeping the two victims covered the four made their escape in the direction of Hoboken.

CLUB CLOSES TO SAVE COAL.

Piping Rock Members Give Surplus Fuel to the Poor.

The Piping Rock Club, located at Locust Valley, L. I., will close its clubhouse on Monday, January 7, for an indefinite period. This action is taken by reason of the desire to be of assistance to the State Fuel Commission in the conserving of the coal supply.

The surplus supply of coal belonging to the club has been turned over to the Fuel Administrator of Kansas county for distribution to the needy in his district.

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**January Price Reductions
in
FURS**

to take effect to-morrow (Monday)

will include the Higher-cost Garments, among which are Coats of ermine, sable, chinchilla, broadtail, mole, karakul and Hudson seal, at price revisions that, in many cases, afford purchasers a saving of 40%.

Popular-priced Furs

are also represented at reductions to insure an immediate clearance.

Smaller Furs

AT SPECIAL PRICES
MUFFS

Black Fox	38.00, 45.00
Brown Fox	35.00, 45.00
Pointed Fox	38.00, 50.00
Dark Taupe Fox	38.00, 58.00
Black Lynx	25.00, 35.00
Natural Raccoon	16.50, 19.50
Skunk	28.00, 35.00
Dark Taupe Wolf	25.00, 30.00

NECK FURS

Black Fox	28.00, 35.00
Brown Fox	35.00, 45.00
Pointed Fox	40.00, 50.00
Dark Taupe Fox	32.00, 38.00
Black Lynx	35.00, 45.00
Natural Raccoon	9.75, 18.00
Skunk	21.00, 38.00
Dark Taupe Wolf	18.00, 35.00

(Third Floor)

Women's Blouses at Reduced Prices

Several hundred Blouses, made of crepe de Chine, satin and Georgette crepe, in white, teinte de chair and suit shades; all in this season's desirable styles, have been taken from regular stock and variously priced at

\$4.50, \$5.50 & \$6.25

COTTON BLOUSES

in white and various colors, have been greatly reduced to

\$1.35, \$1.75 & \$2.25

(Second Floor)

**A Reduction Sale of
Semi-made Wool Skirts**

will be a feature of interest to-morrow in the Wool Dress Fabrics Department, on the First Floor.

Variously fashioned of broadcloth, navy blue serge and plaid materials, in plaited and plain tailored models, these Skirts offer exceptional values at the greatly reduced prices (due to incomplete sizes) of

\$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.75 & \$6.75

Desirable Woolen Lengths

(for dresses, coats and skirts)

comprising velours, homespuns, checked suitings, serges and broadcloths, embracing a large variety of the wanted shades, are now on sale, for clearance,

at very low prices.

**The Great Yearly Sale of
Women's Imported Lingerie**

(all hand-embroidered)

will be held to-morrow (Monday), Tuesday & Wednesday,

in the Department on the Second Floor.

Large importations of dainty undergarments recently received from France and the Philippine Islands, as well as a highly attractive selection from Porto Rico, will be offered at prices which represent unprecedented concessions from those ordinarily asked for similar qualities.

FRENCH HAND-EMBROIDERED LINGERIE

Nightrobes	\$1.50, 2.45, 2.90, 3.25, 3.75, 5.75
Chemises	1.75, 1.90, 2.45, 2.95
Envelope Chemises	1.90, 2.35, 2.75, 3.25, 3.75
Combinations	2.35, 2.95, 3.75, 4.50, 6.75
Pantalons	1.95, 2.95, 4.50
Corset Covers	1.45, 1.65, 2.95, 3.75
Petticoats	1.95, 2.75, 3.90, 4.50, 5.50

PHILIPPINE HAND-EMBROIDERED LINGERIE

Nightrobes	\$1.95, 2.50, 2.85, 3.85, 4.75
Chemises	1.45, 1.75, 1.90, 2.95, 3.75
Envelope Chemises	1.95, 2.25, 2.95, 3.75
Combinations	2.95, 4.75
Drawers	1.95, 2.50, 3.75
Corset Covers	1.90, 2.95

PORTO RICAN HAND-EMBROIDERED LINGERIE

Nightrobes	\$1.50, 2.90
Chemises	1.45
Envelope Chemises	1.75, 2.95

Supplementing the above, a number of Higher-cost Imported Undergarments will be included in this Sale at interesting price reductions.

UNSURPASSED VALUES

are obtainable in

**The January Sale of
ORIENTAL RUGS**

Enormous quantities from which to make selections offer an unusual opportunity to make satisfactory purchases.

Included are Rugs from Persia, China, India and Asia Minor.

(Fifth Floor)

Clearance Reductions

have been made in the prices of the remainder of this season's assortment of

French Beaded & Spangled Robes

(semi-made and unmade)

all imported exclusively by B. Altman & Co. These Robes, in black, white and novelty colored effects, will be placed on sale to-morrow at

\$18.75, \$25.00 & \$32.50

representing reductions of one-half (and in some instances more than one-half) the original prices.

**The Annual Winter Sales
of
Household and Decorative
Linens, Blankets, Com-
fortables, Etc..**

which will be continued throughout the month of January on the Fourth Floor, offer a very exceptional purchasing opportunity.

Special Offerings for the current week include

All-linen Damask Table Cloths
each \$2.75, 3.90, 4.50, 5.00, 6.00

All-linen Damask Table Napkins
doz. \$3.75, 4.50, 5.00, 5.75, 6.75

All-linen Hemstitched Sheets
pair \$7.50, 8.75, 9.50, 10.75, 13.50

All-linen Hemstitched Pillow Cases
pair \$2.25, 2.65, 3.00, 3.90, 4.50

Hemstitched Huckaback Towels
per doz. \$4.00, 6.00, 7.50, 10.00

Hemmed Huckaback Towels
per doz. \$1.90, 2.25, 3.50, 4.50

Hemmed Turkish Bath Towels
per doz. \$2.75, 3.50, 4.50, 6.00

White Blankets
per pair \$7.50, 10.00, 12.50, 15.00

Satin-finish Bedspreads
Hemmed:

Size 2 x2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards, each \$3.50

Size 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards, each 4.00

Size 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards, each 4.50

Scalloped:

Size 2 x2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards . . . each \$3.75

Size 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards . . . each 4.25

Size 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards . . . each 4.75

Crochet Bedspreads

each \$1.45

Comfortables (wool-filled)

with dotted mull center, bordered with plain mull; reverse side to match border, each \$6.85

**Muslin Sheets and Pillow Cases
with plain hems:**

Sheets, each 88c., \$1.05, 1.15 to 1.85

Pillow Cases, each 24c., 27c. to 42c.

Hemstitched:

Sheets each \$1.75 & 1.95

Pillow Cases each 45c. & 48c.

**An Unusual Assortment of
Fancy Cotton Skirtings**

embracing many desirable textiles and color effects, suitable for sports and general Summer wear, will be placed on sale to-morrow at the phenomenally low price of

21c. per yard

this being actually less than the present cost to manufacture fabrics of similar qualities.



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